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UPDATE TO ALL FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Hello, unfortunately Ottawa Public Health (OPH) has declared a COVID-19 outbreak on Kerry home with 2 residents who have tested positive. There are some other residents who do have symptoms and are isolating as a precaution while we awaiting results from a PCR test. As mentioned last week in the update, we know that COVID-19 is increasing in the community and we all need to be cautious.

If you are not feeling well for any reason, please do not visit.

Please feel free to wear a mask when visiting. Masks are available for those who make that choice.

When a home area is in outbreak, as Kerry now is the following procedures are in place:

- Wear a mask at all times while on Kerry. These are available at the main entrance or at the entrance to Kerry. If you need a new mask please ask a staff member.
- When visiting a resident who is in isolation, you are required to wear a mask, face shield or goggles, a gown and gloves.
- Use hand sanitizer before entering and after leaving the unit. Wash your hands frequently during your visit.
- Residents who are not in isolation may leave the home area for a walk outside but cannot attend any activities outside of the home area

There are two other home areas, Cavan and Kilkenny which have one resident with COVID-19. One person on Cavan and one person on Kilkenny have tested positive for COVID-19. These 2 cases are not linked therefore these home areas are not in outbreak. The normal infection prevention and control procedures do need to be followed and visiting a resident in isolation

We are awaiting guidance from Public Health on the next booster vaccine for residents. We will be providing resident booster vaccines, once the new guidance is received for those residents who are eligible.

Stay well and keep safe,

Janet Morris
President and CEO